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Re: Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention to Continue Small Mining Operations, SIO2 1-6 Project, S/045/046, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hullinger:

Thank you for your amended Notice of Intention for your Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on July 25, 1997. We apologize for the unforeseen delay in responding to your letter. The Division accepts your amendment to construct a drilling access road 700 foot in length and whenever possible be kept under 12 feet in width outside of your original mine plan. The original notice is located in Section 28, T1N, R6W, SLBM, Tooele County. The new road disturbance will be following a limestone ridge located in Section 21 to reach the northeast limit of the approved mine site. The new disturbance would be less than .20 acres.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being disturbed is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Your original notice indicated 4.7 acres would be disturbed. Adding this road now brings your total to 4.9 acres. Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon lands under state mineral leases/school sections administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, or federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or United States Forest Service (USFS). Before conducting mining operations on these lands, the operator must provide written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the appropriate agency. School and

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Institutional Trust Lands Administration can be reached at: 675 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102; phone number (801) 538-5100. You will need to contact the appropriate BLM Resource Area or USFS Ranger District for their requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Munson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure
cc: Mike Ford, BLM, Salt Lake DO (U-72294)
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